



NEWSLETTER 3 – Spring Term



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CONGRATULATIONS



A number of budding writers have had their work published in a Young Writers anthology. Ben Bulpin, Sian Heath, Ocean Gray, Liam Tottle, Siobhan Frederick, Jac Daly, Sahar Shams, Taha El Mehdawi, Saief Quayurn, Aliah Algharim and Mahjabin Chowdhury all wrote a series of poems that were selected by a panel to be entered into a publication, now on sale in bookshops across Wales. A magnificent achievement for our school, displaying the priority we place on developing Language skills across the curriculum.

In addition, children from the Juniors entered a competition to promote awareness of Cerebral Palsy; a condition caused through lack of oxygen to the brain during pregnancy, during the delivery, or after the birth. One in four hundred babies is affected and the condition is not curable, but the difficulties experienced can be overcome in many cases. It was a national competition and Tredegarville provided three winners, Monique Sotomi in first place, Georgia Ellul in second and Carl Evans in Third.

Our Anti Bullying Week poster competition winners were Gemma O'Connell and Nicole Sarakinos. Runners up were Mandisa Queenington and Kerrie Frederick, Michaela Williams and Tyries Mercer Bridgeman.

Children participating in our after school hockey club are enrolled in the Children's University. It is a national organisation offering children aged 7-14 an exciting and innovative programme of high quality learning opportunities outside school hours, with a focus on rewarding participation, raising aspirations and encouraging engagement with learning. Our children are encouraged to progress through the national certification scheme, based on their number of hours of attendance throughout their involvement with the Children's University. Already well on the way to achieving their bronze awards are Veanne Ibrahim, Ben Bulpin, Tyrel Pepper, Liam Tottle, Jerome Boston, Michaela Williams, Samantha Carter, Georgia Ellul, Chloe Henderson, Gemma O'Connell, Shannon Manfield and Brian Chambers.

The youngest members of our school community have settled really well into their new surroundings and the Nursery staff would like to thank parents for their enthusiastic contributions to their 'multicultural' theme last term.

Finally, a number of children were honoured with gifts and certificates at our end of term awards ceremony. 'Merit awards' were handed to children from all classes and 'project awards' (Geography in the news) were handed to children in years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. The children all received certificates and gift wrapped prizes for their tremendous efforts.

SCHOOL DAY

We are continuing to work closely with the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) to ensure that punctuality and attendance of all children is a priority. Continued late arrivals and unauthorised absences are now being referred directly to the EWO. Please could you ensure that your child/children arrive promptly for the start of the school day. Lateness causes disruption to the individual and to the class.

If your child/children are absent from school then you should notify the office by phone and/or provide a letter to your child's class teacher on their return to school. Your full co-operation will be very much appreciated.



***School starts at 8.55am and finishes at 3.00pm
Morning nursery starts 9.00am and finishes at 11.30am
Afternoon nursery starts 12.30 pm and finishes at 3.00pm***

'DINNER MONEY TUESDAY'

As school dinners need to be **ordered in advance** by the kitchen staff, please could you ensure that dinner money is paid a week in advance, each *Tuesday*. Late payments may mean that you will have to provide your child with a packed lunch the forthcoming week. Dinners are currently priced at £8.00 (£1.60 daily).





READING AND WRITING WORKSHOPS

Pupils in years 1 and 2 have been very lucky to have had the opportunity to work with their parents each Thursday morning. The children have been reading a wide range of literature and also writing for different purposes. The benefits have already been witnessed in the classrooms. Many thanks for your tremendous support in helping the school provide the very best of starts to your children's schooling. Also, a very big thank you to Mrs. James, Mrs. Bicarregui and Mr. Hackney for ensuring the workshops run so smoothly each week. The workshops take place each Thursday morning from 9.30am in the dinner hall, starting next week.

TRIPS AND VISITORS

Our choir were extremely busy during the final stages of last term. They were invited to sing at St. Johns Church, Marks and Spencers, the local hospital, Burgess House and at a graduation ceremony. Many thanks to Mrs. Notley for organising such a successful run of performances and to all the parents and helpers who went along to support our children. All the children were treated to a Road Safety show on the afternoon of December 12th. The show was led by 'The Gregory Brothers' and road safety characters 'Gary Gosafe' and 'Eco Ellie'. An amazing bright, stimulating and very loud performance, thoroughly enjoyed by all! The infant Nativity play in school and the Junior Nine Lessons and Carol Service at St. Germans were both wonderful events and very well supported by parents and friends. The Reception class trip to Parc Cefn Onn was a great success. Sincere thanks to those parents who were able to accompany the children.

Rubicon Dance will continue with their visits throughout the coming weeks in Years 1 and 3.

Drama Stars Wales will also be visiting all classes (Nursery to Year 6) during the course of the term and embark on a series of mini projects aimed at promoting confidence and self esteem. We are very much looking forward to their input.

Pupils in Year 6 will be visiting 'The Crucial Crew' interactive workshop on 20th January 2009. The Crucial Crew workshops are an opportunity for important lifestyle safety messages to be reinforced. Children will have the chance to talk to serving members of the emergency services and be presented with a series of dilemmas that need to be overcome.

Pupils in Year 4 will be visiting Welsh Water's (Dwr Cymru) Education site at Cog Moors on the 11th March 2009. They will be studying water efficiency in the morning and have the chance to go orienteering in the afternoon. Further details to follow. Pupils in Year 2 will be visiting Welsh Water's (Dwr Cymru) Education site at Cog Moors on the 12th March 2009. They will be studying Mini Beasts in the morning and have the chance to go pond dipping in the afternoon. Further details to follow.

Pupils in Year 6 will be visiting the Welsh Assembly Government Buildings during the morning of Friday 13th March. They will then have lunch in the bay followed by Environmental Studies in the afternoon.

The Junior classes will be treated to a production of 'The Weaver's Tale' by the visiting Pandemonium Theatre Company on March 24th 2009. A fantastic opportunity to experience day to day life as it was in the time of the Tudors and Stuarts. The infants will be treated to a production of 'The Emperor's New Clothes' on March 26th. A retelling of the Hans Christian Anderson classic tale.

Year 5 will be visiting the environmental centre at Cardiff Bay during the term. A date to be confirmed.

Staff from Techniquist will be visiting the school and entertaining children in classes 6, 4, 2 and 1 with a series of challenge workshops focussing on Sound.

From next week children in Years 5 and 6 will be embarking on a series of 'Samba' lessons provided by the council's music service who are promoting and celebrating music from around the world. The Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama will be working with all pupils in years 3 and 4 in a series of choral workshops.

Year 6 will participate in their annual swimming classes at the nearby Star Leisure Centre from the 16th March 2009.

Class teachers will let you know all details of other class trips as they are confirmed.

GOODBYE



We said a sad farewell to Ms Nethercott at the end of half term. Ms Nethercott has worked in the nursery class for the past six years and will be greatly missed by all the staff and children. At our end of term ceremony, pupils from year 5 read out some memories (funny and sad) of a highly valued member of staff. Please join us in wishing her all the very best for the future.

HELLO



This term, new members of staff have joined the teaching team. Mrs. Leyshon will be working in the Nursery, Miss Owen in the infant classes and Mr. Taylor in both infants and junior classes. I am sure you join us in extending a warm welcome to them all.





HEALTH & SAFETY

Please could you remind your children to use the school crossing patrol each morning and evening.

Parents and carers are not allowed to bring cars onto the school site. I have been informed that the traffic department have decided to suspend voucher parking to allow parents to park without payment from 2:45pm to 3:15pm each weekday afternoon. They will also do the same for resident parking bays near the school. Cars parked outside the hospital will be issued with parking tickets.

Anyone visiting the school should report to the main office in every instance. All visitors should sign in and out.

WEBSITE

If you get the chance then please visit our school website. Miss Cooper has been extremely busy updating the site to include information on the many different types of work ongoing in the school today. www.tredegarvilleprm.cardiff.sch.uk.

UWIC PARTNERSHIP

We have entered into a partnership with the University of Wales Institute Cardiff (UWIC). Mrs. Fear and Miss Cooper both had student teachers (Miss Antonius and Miss Davies) working in their classrooms. We are already finding the benefits of working with UWIC and hope the partnership continues to be as rewarding both to staff, pupils and student teachers.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Our spring term parental consultations will take place on **Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th March 2009** . Full details of appointments will be sent out by each of the class teachers. We feel that it is extremely important that you take full advantage in meeting class teachers regularly in order to discuss your child's progress in school.

Please try and find time to make an appointment

DATES FOR DIARIES

As always we would like to extend a warm invitation to your child's class assembly. Please make a note in your diary of the following dates:-

Class	Date	Start	Theme
Reception	Wednesday 1 st April 2009	9.15am	Spring / Eastertime
Year 1	Friday 19 th June 2009	2.00pm	Friends
Year 2	Friday 15 th May 2009	2.00pm	Multicultural Festivals
Year 3	Friday 20 th March 2009	2.00pm	Mothering Sunday
Year 6	Wednesday 15 th July 2009	9.15am	Leavers Assembly

- Wednesday 25th February** – Ash Wednesday
- Friday 27th March** – Eisteddfod (St. David's Day celebrations).
- Thursday 2nd April** – Party Afternoon
- Friday 3rd April** – Easter Eucharist Service and Prize Giving Assembly (Date to be confirmed)

Full details to follow for all events

UNIFORM & BEHAVIOUR

We would prefer that no jewellery be worn to school except for stud earrings. If for any reason you feel other jewellery needs to be worn, then please ensure that you discuss the matter with either myself or Mrs. James. Any child wearing a headscarf (for example, a Hijab) needs to ensure that they are able to tie the scarf in a safe manner for any physical activity. Again, if you are unsure of have any questions about clothing then please do not hesitate to contact the school. Visitors to the school continue to comment on how wonderful the children look in their school uniforms and how polite they all are. The staff agree and we are very proud of them all.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are very fortunate to have a staff who freely give of their time in order to take extra curricular activities. This term, Drumming Club will be held each Wednesday (3-4pm). Hockey Club, Art Club (both 3-4.15pm) and Computer Club (3-4pm) will be held on Thursdays . The teachers in charge will all send details home of the various starting dates, costs and times.

I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and prosperous 2009.

With sincere thanks,



Mr. David Harris
HEADTEACHER

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INSET DAYS 2009:

5th January 2009

20th April 2009

29th June 2009

20th July 2009

TERM	TERM BEGINS	HALF TERM BEGINS	HALF TERM ENDS	TERM ENDS
Autumn	Monday 1 st September 2008	Monday 27 th October 2008	Friday 31 st October 2008	Friday 19 th December 2008
Spring	Monday 5 th January 2009	Monday 16 th February 2009	Friday 20 th February 2009	Friday 3 rd April 2009
Summer	Monday 20 th April 2009	Monday 25 th May 2009	Friday 29 th May 2009	Monday 20 th July 2009

REMINDER

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR 2007/2008 YELLOW PAGES TO SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

